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Practitioner's Docket No. 1062/D74

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: James D. Dale

Application No.: 10/696,984
Filed: 10/30/2003
For: Door Locking Mechanism

Group No.: 3676
Examiner: Lugo, C.

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	29	—	46	=	0	x \$ 50.00	= \$	0.00
INDEP.	4	—	3	=	1	x \$ 200.00	= \$	200.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+	\$ 0.00	= \$	0.00
TOTAL								
ADDIT. FEE								\$ 200.00

Total additional fee for claims required \$200.00

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$200.00.

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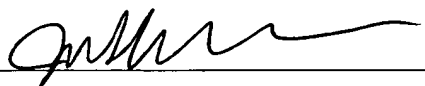
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.